

PROPOSITION 88: A SMART INVESTMENT FOR OUR SCHOOLS, OUR STUDENTS AND CALIFORNIA'S FUTURE

Consider:

- Students in one-third of California classrooms don't have a textbook to take home – and many don't even have a textbook to use in class.
- Teachers are paying for school materials out of their own pockets.
- Too many California classrooms are still overcrowded.
- Prop 88 will help California graduate the skilled, educated workforce that is critical to a healthy business environment and our state's economic prosperity.

PROP 88: LOCAL CONTROL OF DOLLARS FOR CLASSROOMS

The education needs of communities and schools are not all the same. Prop 88 provides needed funding directly to local schools and school districts so that they, not the Legislature, decide where to spend the funds.

Prop 88 will provide dedicated funding to:

- Reduce class size so students get more individualized instruction
- Provide textbooks and other learning materials, so teachers don't have to pay for these fundamental necessities out of their own pockets
- Make schools safer for students and teachers and help stop campus violence and gangs

PROP 88: A PRUDENT AND FAIR INVESTMENT

Prop 88 will put over \$500 million a year directly into our local schools through a nominal (about 14¢ per day/\$50 per year) property parcel assessment. Funds from Prop 88 will be used to invest in our teachers and students, providing local schools with needed resources, like textbooks, computers and other materials. **TEACHERS SHOULDN'T HAVE TO DIP INTO THEIR OWN POCKETS TO PAY FOR CLASSROOM MATERIALS.**

To protect those on fixed incomes, PROP 88 EXEMPTS SENIOR AND DISABLED HOMEOWNERS [SECTION 21.5(b)].

PROP 88: STRICT ACCOUNTABILITY AND ANNUAL AUDITS

Funds from Prop 88 are prohibited from being used for administrative overhead and the Legislature cannot redirect the money to other programs [Section 6.2].

To ensure that funds go to classrooms and student learning, Prop 88 requires annual independent audits [Section 6.2.(5)c] and penalties for misuse.

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION **88**

With Prop 88, we know exactly where the money goes and we can make sure it is spent wisely.

PROP 88: THE NEXT STEP IN IMPROVING OUR K-12 EDUCATION SYSTEM

Taxpayers have invested in our school system by approving local and state bonds to build new classrooms and remodel out of date facilities. But bonds don't pay for teachers, textbooks, or other learning materials and supplies. Prop 88 puts funds in our classrooms and allows local educators to use the funds where they are most needed.

PROP 88: A VOTE FOR TEACHERS AND OUR KIDS

Teachers have one of the most important jobs. Yet their jobs are made difficult because of overcrowded classrooms and a lack of basic supplies. YES on Prop 88 will help provide teachers the resources they need to teach our children and give children the attention they need and deserve.

READ PROP 88 FOR YOURSELF. IT'S A SMALL INVESTMENT NOW THAT CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE FOR OUR FUTURE.

Vote YES on 88: More Textbooks and Learning Materials, Smaller Classes and Safer Schools!

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